

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
<b>PCCG-2018-028</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grant Funding Services from Victim Support</b>
<b>Summary</b>	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding continued funding for a temporary full time victim support staff member to ensure smooth delivery of service while embedding changes to referrals for an additional six months period.

## **DECISION**

1. Currently, Victim Support (VS) are contracted to provide victim services on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The funding covers staff and recruitment costs, the provision of crime prevention products and resources to train new volunteers to work in the Gwent area.
2. The current contract is provided on a 3 year plus 1 year extension. The annual amount for the 3 years has been £394,277. There are data protection legislative changes to be introduced as a result of the General Data Protection Regulation that came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. These changes are predicted to have an impact on the referrals to Connect Gwent. However, due to an amendment to the initially planned process following advice from the Information Commissioner's Office, it is now anticipated that the reduction expected will occur slowly as officers adjust to the new processes and confidence is developed to make appropriate needs based referrals rather than a high number of referrals where no support is required.
3. For the extension year (2018-19) the budget to VS has been reduced to £344,395. This was agreed based on the number of staff required to manage the number of cases with victims consenting to a referral for support from Connect Gwent. The staff reduction is only in staff roles dedicated to making initial contact with victims. It is a reduction of 2.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff.
4. The savings from the VS contract will be reinvested in an improved Children and Young People's Service. This will increase the staffing of that service by 100% and provide capacity to improve the governance and quality of that service.

5. It is requested that £9,552.92 of the Ministry of Justice VS Services Grant be used to provide 1 FTE staff member for a further 6 month period. This would temporarily increase capacity in the VS team to be able to process referrals and make contact with victims. There is to be a new Invitation To Tender (ITT) issued from 2019 which will fully take into account the requirements of the entirety of services in Connect Gwent.

**Jeff Cuthbert Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed



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**Background papers**